

<b>NSTAR GAS COMPANY</b> <b>LOAD FORECAST AND RESOURCE</b> <b>PLAN FOR 2005/2006</b> <b>THROUGH 2009/2010</b>	) ) ) ) ) )	<b>D.T.E 05-46</b>
--	----------------------------	--------------------

KeySpan Energy Delivery New England<sup>1</sup> (“KeySpan” or the “Company”), pursuant to 220 C.M.R. 1.03, hereby petitions the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (“Department”) for limited participant status in the above-captioned proceeding. In support of this request, KeySpan states the following:

- <sup>1</sup> The Massachusetts local distribution companies that do business as KeySpan Energy Delivery New England are Boston Gas Company, Colonial Gas Company and Essex Gas Company.

4. The Department's investigation in this proceeding is likely to raise issues dealing with load forecasting and resource requirements that are common to other gas utilities in Massachusetts, including KeySpan.

5. KeySpan's limited participant status will not jeopardize the Department's review.

6. KeySpan's interests are unique and cannot be adequately represented by any other party.

7. Accordingly, KeySpan seeks to take part as a limited participant in this case and where appropriate to file comments, attend and participate in technical conferences, submit briefs, and to participate in this proceeding in any other manner deemed appropriate for limited participants by the Hearing Officer.

8. Counsel for NStar Gas has been contacted and has indicated that NStar Gas does not object to KeySpan being granted limited participant status.

Wherefore, KeySpan respectfully requests that the Department grant this Petition for Limited Participant Status.

Respectfully submitted  
By Its Attorneys,

---

Thomas P. O'Neill  
Patricia Crowe  
KeySpan Energy Delivery New England  
52 Second Avenue  
Waltham, MA 02451  
(781) 466-5131

Dated: July 21, 2005